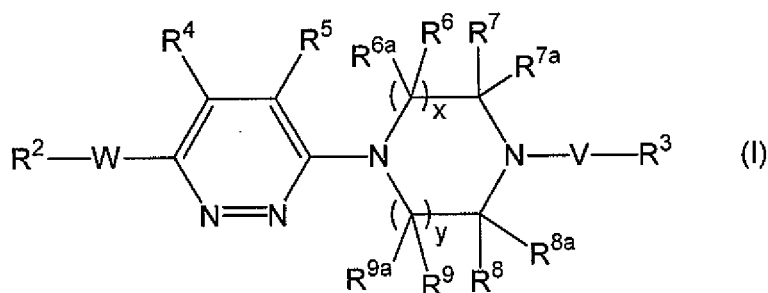


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (I):



wherein:

x and y are each independently 1;

W is -O-, -C(O)O-, -N(R¹)-, -S(O)_t- (where t is 0, 1 or 2), -N(R¹)S(O)₂-, -OC(O)- or -C(O)-;

V is -C(O)-, -C(S)-, -C(O)N(R¹)-, -C(O)O-, -S(O)₂-, or -S(O)₂N(R¹)- or -C(R¹⁴)H-;

each R¹ is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen,

C₁-C₁₂alkyl, C₂-C₁₂hydroxyalkyl, C₄-C₁₂cycloalkylalkyl and C₇-C₁₉aralkyl;

R² is selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₁₂alkyl, C₂-C₁₂alkenyl,

C₂-C₁₂hydroxyalkyl, C₂-C₁₂hydroxyalkenyl, C₂-C₁₂alkoxyalkyl, C₃-C₁₂cycloalkyl,

C₄-C₁₂cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, C₇-C₁₉aralkyl, C₃-C₁₂heterocyclyl, C₃-C₁₂heterocyclylalkyl,

C₁-C₁₂heteroaryl, and C₃-C₁₂heteroarylalkyl, provided that when W is -O-, R² is not C₁-C₁₂alkyl;

or R² is a multi-ring structure having 2 to 4 rings wherein the rings are

independently selected from the group consisting of cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aryl and heteroaryl

and where some or all of the rings may be fused to each other;

R³ is selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₁₂alkyl, C₂-C₁₂alkenyl,

C₂-C₁₂hydroxyalkyl, C₂-C₁₂hydroxyalkenyl, C₂-C₁₂alkoxyalkyl, C₃-C₁₂cycloalkyl,

C₄-C₁₂cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, C₇-C₁₉aralkyl, C₃-C₁₂heterocyclyl, C₃-C₁₂heterocyclylalkyl,

C₁-C₁₂heteroaryl and C₃-C₁₂heteroarylalkyl, provided that when V is -C(O)- or -C(O)O-, R³ is not C₁-C₁₂alkyl;

or R³ is a multi-ring structure having 2 to 4 rings wherein the rings are

independently selected from the group consisting of cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aryl and heteroaryl

and where some or all of the rings may be fused to each other;

R^4 and R^5 are each independently selected from hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, methyl, methoxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, nitro or $-N(R^{13})_2$;

R^6 , R^{6a} , R^7 , R^{7a} , R^8 , R^{8a} , R^9 and R^{9a} are each independently selected from hydrogen or C_1 - C_3 alkyl;

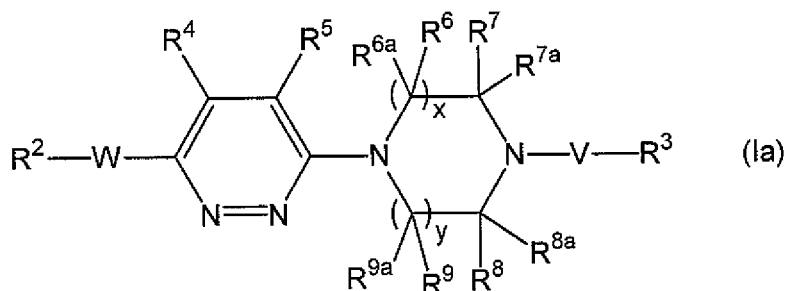
R^{14} is C_1 - C_6 alkyl; and

each R^{13} is independently selected from hydrogen or C_1 - C_6 alkyl;

a stereoisomer, enantiomer or tautomer thereof, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, a pharmaceutical composition thereof or a prodrug thereof.

2. - 9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (Ia):



wherein:

x and y are each independently 1;

W is $-O-$, $-C(O)O-$, $-N(R^1)-$, $-S(O)_t-$ (where t is 0, 1 or 2), $-N(R^1)S(O)_2-$, $-OC(O)-$ or $-C(O)-$;

V is $-C(O)-$, $-C(S)-$, $-C(O)N(R^1)-$, $-C(O)O-$, $-S(O)_2-$, or $-S(O)_2N(R^1)-$ or $-C(R^{14})H-$;

each R^1 is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen,

C_1 - C_{12} alkyl, C_2 - C_{12} hydroxyalkyl, C_4 - C_{12} cycloalkylalkyl and C_7 - C_{19} aralkyl;

R^2 is selected from the group consisting of C_1 - C_{12} alkyl, C_2 - C_{12} alkenyl,

C_2 - C_{12} hydroxyalkyl, C_2 - C_{12} hydroxyalkenyl, C_2 - C_{12} alkoxyalkyl, C_3 - C_{12} cycloalkyl,

C_4 - C_{12} cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, C_7 - C_{19} aralkyl, C_3 - C_{12} heterocyclyl, C_3 - C_{12} heterocyclylalkyl,

C_1 - C_{12} heteroaryl, and C_3 - C_{12} heteroarylalkyl, provided that, when W is $-C(O)-$, R^2 can not be C_1 -

C_6 alkyl substituted by $-S(O)_tR^{14}$ where R^{14} is hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_7 - C_{12} aralkyl, pyrazinyl,

pyridinonyl, pyrrolidionyl or imidazolyl, provided that when W is $-O-$, R^2 is not C_1 - C_{12} alkyl;

or R^2 is a multi-ring structure having 2 to 4 rings wherein the rings are

independently selected from the group consisting of cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aryl and heteroaryl and where some or all of the rings may be fused to each other;

R^3 is selected from the group consisting of C_1 - C_{12} alkyl, C_2 - C_{12} alkenyl, C_2 - C_{12} hydroxyalkyl, C_2 - C_{12} hydroxyalkenyl, C_2 - C_{12} alkoxyalkyl, C_3 - C_{12} cycloalkyl, C_4 - C_{12} cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, C_7 - C_{19} aralkyl, C_3 - C_{12} heterocyclyl, C_3 - C_{12} heterocyclylalkyl, C_1 - C_{12} heteroaryl and C_3 - C_{12} heteroarylalkyl, provided that when V is $-C(O)-$ or $-C(O)O-$, R^3 is not C_1 - C_{12} alkyl;

or R^3 is a multi-ring structure having 2 to 4 rings wherein the rings are independently selected from the group consisting of cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aryl and heteroaryl and where some or all of the rings may be fused to each other;

R^4 and R^5 are each independently selected from hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, methyl, methoxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, nitro or $-N(R^{13})_2$;

R^6 , R^{6a} , R^7 , R^{7a} , R^8 , R^{8a} , R^9 and R^{9a} are each independently selected from hydrogen or C_1 - C_3 alkyl;

~~R^{11} is C_4 - C_3 alkyl;~~ and

each R^{13} is independently selected from hydrogen or C_1 - C_6 alkyl;

a stereoisomer, enantiomer or tautomer thereof, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, a pharmaceutical composition thereof or a prodrug thereof.

11. (Previously Presented) The compound of Claim 10 wherein:

x and y are each 1;

W is $-O-$;

V is $-C(O)-$ or $-C(S)-$;

R^2 is selected from the group consisting of C_2 - C_{12} alkenyl, C_2 - C_{12} hydroxyalkyl, C_2 - C_{12} hydroxyalkenyl, C_2 - C_{12} alkoxyalkyl, C_3 - C_{12} cycloalkyl, C_4 - C_{12} cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, C_7 - C_{19} aralkyl, C_3 - C_{12} heterocyclyl, C_3 - C_{12} heterocyclylalkyl, C_1 - C_{12} heteroaryl, and C_3 - C_{12} heteroarylalkyl;

R^3 is selected from the group consisting of C_1 - C_{12} alkyl, C_2 - C_{12} alkenyl, C_2 - C_{12} hydroxyalkyl, C_2 - C_{12} hydroxyalkenyl, C_2 - C_{12} alkoxyalkyl, C_3 - C_{12} cycloalkyl, C_4 - C_{12} cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, C_7 - C_{19} aralkyl, C_3 - C_{12} heterocyclyl, C_3 - C_{12} heterocyclylalkyl, C_1 - C_{12} heteroaryl and C_3 - C_{12} heteroarylalkyl, provided that when V is $-C(O)-$, R^3 is not C_1 - C_{12} alkyl;

R^4 and R^5 are each hydrogen; and

R^6 , R^{6a} , R^7 , R^{7a} , R^8 , R^{8a} , R^9 and R^{9a} are each hydrogen.

12. (original) The compound of Claim 11 wherein:

V is -C(O)-;

R^2 is C_7 - C_{12} alkyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halo, cyano, nitro, hydroxy, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 trihaloalkyl and C_1 - C_6 trihaloalkoxy;

R^3 is phenyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, cyano, nitro, hydroxy, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 trihaloalkyl, C_1 - C_6 trihaloalkoxy, C_1 - C_6 alkylsulfonyl, $-N(R^{12})_2$, $-OC(O)R^{12}$, $-C(O)OR^{12}$, $-S(O)_2N(R^{12})_2$, cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl and heteroarylcyloalkyl; and

each R^{12} is independently selected from hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl, aryl or aralkyl.

13. (original) The compound of Claim 12 wherein:

R^2 is C_7 - C_{12} alkyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halo, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 trihaloalkyl and C_1 - C_6 trihaloalkoxy; and

R^3 is phenyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, C_1 - C_6 trihaloalkyl and C_1 - C_6 trihaloalkoxy.

14. (original) The compound of Claim 13, namely, [4-(6-Phenethyloxy-pyridazin-3-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-(2-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-methanone.

15. (original) The compound of Claim 11 wherein:

V is -C(O)-;

R^2 is C_1 - C_{12} alkyl or C_2 - C_{12} alkenyl;

R^3 is phenyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, cyano, nitro, hydroxy, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 trihaloalkyl, C_1 - C_6 trihaloalkoxy, C_1 - C_6 alkylsulfonyl, $-N(R^{12})_2$, $-OC(O)R^{12}$, $-C(O)OR^{12}$, $-S(O)_2N(R^{12})_2$, cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl and heteroarylcyloalkyl; and

each R^{12} is independently selected from hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl, aryl or aralkyl.

16. (original) The compound of Claim 11 wherein:

V is -C(O)-;

R² is C₃-C₁₂cycloalkyl or C₄-C₁₂cycloalkylalkyl;

R³ is phenyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, cyano, nitro, hydroxy, C₁-C₆alkyl, C₁-C₆trihaloalkyl, C₁-C₆trihaloalkoxy, C₁-C₆alkylsulfonyl, -N(R¹²)₂, -OC(O)R¹², -C(O)OR¹², -S(O)₂N(R¹²)₂, cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl and heteroarylcycloalkyl; and

each R¹² is independently selected from hydrogen, C₁-C₆alkyl, C₃-C₆cycloalkyl, aryl or aralkyl.

17. (original) The compound of Claim 16 wherein:

R² is C₄-C₁₂cycloalkylalkyl; and

R³ is phenyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, C₁-C₆trihaloalkyl and C₁-C₆trihaloalkoxy.

18. (original) The compound of Claim 17, namely, {4-[6-(2-Cyclopropyl-ethoxy)-pyridazin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-(2-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-methanone.

19. (Previously Presented) The compound of Claim 10 wherein:

x and y are each 1;

W is -S(O)_t- (where t is 0, 1 or 2);

V is -C(O)- or -C(S)-;

R² is selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₁₂alkyl, C₂-C₁₂alkenyl, C₂-C₁₂hydroxyalkyl, C₂-C₁₂hydroxyalkenyl, C₂-C₁₂alkoxyalkyl, C₃-C₁₂cycloalkyl, C₄-C₁₂cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, C₇-C₁₂aralkyl, C₃-C₁₂heterocyclyl, C₃-C₁₂heterocyclylalkyl, C₁-C₁₂heteroaryl, and C₃-C₁₂heteroarylalkyl;

R³ is selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₁₂alkyl, C₂-C₁₂alkenyl, C₂-C₁₂hydroxyalkyl, C₂-C₁₂hydroxyalkenyl, C₂-C₁₂alkoxyalkyl, C₃-C₁₂cycloalkyl, C₄-C₁₂cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, C₇-C₁₂aralkyl, C₃-C₁₂heterocyclyl, C₃-C₁₂heterocyclylalkyl, C₁-C₁₂heteroaryl and C₃-C₁₂heteroarylalkyl, provided that when V is -C(O)-, R³ is not C₁-C₁₂alkyl;

R⁴ and R⁵ are each hydrogen; and

R⁶, R^{6a}, R⁷, R^{7a}, R⁸, R^{8a}, R⁹ and R^{9a} are each hydrogen.

20. (original) The compound of Claim 19 wherein:
V is -C(O)-;
R² is C₇-C₁₂alkyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halo, cyano, nitro, hydroxy, C₁-C₆alkyl, C₁-C₆trihaloalkyl and C₁-C₆trihaloalkoxy;
R³ is phenyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, cyano, nitro, hydroxy, C₁-C₆alkyl, C₁-C₆trihaloalkyl, C₁-C₆trihaloalkoxy, C₁-C₆alkylsulfonyl, -N(R¹²)₂, -OC(O)R¹², -C(O)OR¹², -S(O)₂N(R¹²)₂, cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl and heteroarylcyloalkyl; and
each R¹² is independently selected from hydrogen, C₁-C₆alkyl, C₃-C₆cycloalkyl, aryl or aralkyl.
21. (original) The compound of Claim 20 wherein:
R² is C₇-C₁₂alkyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halo, C₁-C₆alkyl, C₁-C₆trihaloalkyl and C₁-C₆trihaloalkoxy; and
R³ is phenyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, C₁-C₆trihaloalkyl and C₁-C₆trihaloalkoxy.
22. (original) The compound of Claim 21 selected from the group consisting of the following:
[4-(6-Phenethylsulfonyl-pyridazin-3-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-(2-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-methanone;
{4-[6-(2-Phenyl-ethanesulfinyl)-pyridazin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-(2-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-methanone; and
{4-[6-(2-Phenyl-ethanesulfonyl)-pyridazin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-(2-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-methanone.
23. (original) The compound of Claim 19 wherein:
V is -C(O)-;
R² is C₁-C₁₂alkyl or C₂-C₁₂alkenyl;
R³ is phenyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, cyano, nitro, hydroxy, C₁-C₆alkyl, C₁-C₆trihaloalkyl, C₁-C₆trihaloalkoxy, C₁-C₆alkylsulfonyl, -N(R¹²)₂, -OC(O)R¹², -C(O)OR¹², -S(O)₂N(R¹²)₂, cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl and heteroarylcyloalkyl; and
each R¹² is independently selected from hydrogen, C₁-C₆alkyl, C₃-C₆cycloalkyl,

aryl or aralkyl.

24. (original) The compound of Claim 23 wherein R^3 is phenyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, C_1 - C_6 trihaloalkyl and C_1 - C_6 trihaloalkoxy.

25. (original) The compound of Claim 24, namely, {4-[6-(3-Methyl-butylsulfanyl)-pyridazin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-(2-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-methanone.

26. (Previously Presented) The compound of Claim 10 wherein:
x and y are each 1;
W is $-N(R^1)-$;
V is $-C(O)-$ or $-C(S)-$;
 R^1 is hydrogen or C_1 - C_6 alkyl;
 R^2 is selected from the group consisting of C_1 - C_{12} alkyl, C_2 - C_{12} alkenyl, C_2 - C_{12} hydroxyalkyl, C_2 - C_{12} hydroxyalkenyl, C_2 - C_{12} alkoxyalkyl, C_3 - C_{12} cycloalkyl, C_4 - C_{12} cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, C_7 - C_{12} aralkyl, C_3 - C_{12} heterocyclyl, C_3 - C_{12} heterocyclylalkyl, C_1 - C_{12} heteroaryl, and C_3 - C_{12} heteroarylalkyl;
 R^3 is selected from the group consisting of C_1 - C_{12} alkyl, C_2 - C_{12} alkenyl, C_2 - C_{12} hydroxyalkyl, C_2 - C_{12} hydroxyalkenyl, C_2 - C_{12} alkoxyalkyl, C_3 - C_{12} cycloalkyl, C_4 - C_{12} cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, C_7 - C_{12} aralkyl, C_3 - C_{12} heterocyclyl, C_3 - C_{12} heterocyclylalkyl, C_1 - C_{12} heteroaryl and C_3 - C_{12} heteroarylalkyl, provided that when V is $-C(O)-$, R^3 is not C_1 - C_{12} alkyl;
 R^4 and R^5 are each hydrogen; and
 R^6 , R^{6a} , R^7 , R^{7a} , R^8 , R^{8a} , R^9 and R^{9a} are each hydrogen.

27. (original) The compound of Claim 26 wherein:
V is $-C(O)-$;
 R^1 is hydrogen or C_1 - C_6 alkyl;
 R^2 is C_7 - C_{12} aralkyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halo, cyano, nitro, hydroxy, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 trihaloalkyl and C_1 - C_6 trihaloalkoxy;
 R^3 is phenyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, cyano, nitro, hydroxy, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 trihaloalkyl, C_1 - C_6 trihaloalkoxy,

C₁-C₆alkylsulfonyl, -N(R¹²)₂, -OC(O)R¹², -C(O)OR¹², -S(O)₂N(R¹²)₂, cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl and heteroarylcycloalkyl; and

each R¹² is independently selected from hydrogen, C₁-C₆alkyl, C₃-C₆cycloalkyl, aryl or aralkyl.

28. (original) The compound of Claim 27 wherein R³ is phenyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, C₁-C₆trihaloalkyl and C₁-C₆trihaloalkoxy.

29. (original) The compound of Claim 28 selected from the group consisting of the following:
[4-(6-Phenethylamino-pyridazin-3-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-(2-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-methanone; and
{4-[6-(Methyl-phenethyl-amino)-pyridazin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-(2-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-methanone.

30. (original) The compound of Claim 26 wherein:
V is -C(O)-;
R¹ is hydrogen or C₁-C₆alkyl;
R² is C₁-C₁₂alkyl, C₂-C₁₂alkenyl, C₃-C₁₂cycloalkyl or C₄-C₁₂cycloalkylalkyl;
R³ is phenyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, cyano, nitro, hydroxy, C₁-C₆alkyl, C₁-C₆trihaloalkyl, C₁-C₆trihaloalkoxy, C₁-C₆alkylsulfonyl, -N(R¹²)₂, -OC(O)R¹², -C(O)OR¹², -S(O)₂N(R¹²)₂, cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl and heteroarylcycloalkyl; and
each R¹² is independently selected from hydrogen, C₁-C₆alkyl, C₃-C₆cycloalkyl, aryl or aralkyl.

31. (Previously Presented) The compound of Claim 10 wherein:
x and y are each 1;
W is -N(R¹)S(O)₂-;
V is -C(O)- or -C(S)-;
R¹ is hydrogen or C₁-C₆alkyl;
R² is selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₁₂alkyl, C₂-C₁₂alkenyl, C₂-C₁₂hydroxyalkyl, C₂-C₁₂hydroxyalkenyl, C₂-C₁₂alkoxyalkyl, C₃-C₁₂cycloalkyl,

C₄-C₁₂cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, C₇-C₁₂aralkyl, C₃-C₁₂heterocyclyl, C₃-C₁₂heterocyclylalkyl, C₁-C₁₂heteroaryl, and C₃-C₁₂heteroarylalkyl;

R³ is selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₁₂alkyl, C₂-C₁₂alkenyl, C₂-C₁₂hydroxyalkyl, C₂-C₁₂hydroxyalkenyl, C₂-C₁₂alkoxyalkyl, C₃-C₁₂cycloalkyl, C₄-C₁₂cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, C₇-C₁₂aralkyl, C₃-C₁₂heterocyclyl, C₃-C₁₂heterocyclylalkyl, C₁-C₁₂heteroaryl and C₃-C₁₂heteroarylalkyl, provided that when V is -C(O)-, R³ is not C₁-C₁₂alkyl;

R⁴ and R⁵ are each hydrogen; and

R⁶, R^{6a}, R⁷, R^{7a}, R⁸, R^{8a}, R⁹ and R^{9a} are each hydrogen.

32. (original) The compound of Claim 31 wherein:

V is -C(O)-;

R¹ is hydrogen or C₁-C₆alkyl;

R² is C₁-C₁₂alkyl, C₂-C₁₂alkenyl, C₃-C₁₂cycloalkyl or C₄-C₁₂cycloalkylalkyl;

R³ is phenyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, cyano, nitro, hydroxy, C₁-C₆alkyl, C₁-C₆trihaloalkyl, C₁-C₆trihaloalkoxy, C₁-C₆alkylsulfonyl, -N(R¹²)₂, -OC(O)R¹², -C(O)OR¹², -S(O)₂N(R¹²)₂, cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl and heteroarylcycloalkyl; and

each R¹² is independently selected from hydrogen, C₁-C₆alkyl, C₃-C₆cycloalkyl, aryl or aralkyl.

33. (original) The compound of Claim 32 wherein:

R² is C₁-C₁₂alkyl; and

R³ is phenyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, C₁-C₆trihaloalkyl and C₁-C₆trihaloalkoxy.

34. (original) The compound of Claim 33, namely, Propane-1-sulfonic acid {6-[4-(2-trifluoromethyl-benzoyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-pyridazin-3-yl}-amide.

35. (original) The compound of Claim 31 wherein:

V is -C(O)-;

R¹ is hydrogen or C₁-C₆alkyl;

R² is C₇-C₁₂aralkyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected

from halo, cyano, nitro, hydroxy, C₁-C₆alkyl, C₁-C₆trihaloalkyl and C₁-C₆trihaloalkoxy;

R³ is phenyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, cyano, nitro, hydroxy, C₁-C₆alkyl, C₁-C₆trihaloalkyl, C₁-C₆trihaloalkoxy, C₁-C₆alkylsulfonyl, -N(R¹²)₂, -OC(O)R¹², -C(O)OR¹², -S(O)₂N(R¹²)₂, cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl and heteroarylcyloalkyl; and

each R¹² is independently selected from hydrogen, C₁-C₆alkyl, C₃-C₆cycloalkyl, aryl or aralkyl.

36. (Canceled).

37. (original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient and a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 10.

38. (New) A method for inhibiting stearyl-CoA desaturase, comprising contacting a source of stearyl-CoA desaturase with a compound of claim 1.

39. (New) A method for inhibiting stearyl-CoA desaturase, comprising contacting a source of stearyl-CoA desaturase with a compound of claim 10.